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In Reply  
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Dear Mr. Dampier:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 20, 1981, concerning the matter of your [entitlement to the temporary storage of your household goods] from August to October 1977. You question a statement which we made in decision B-198936, January 6, 1981, rendered in your case, and request reconsideration.

The questioned statement in the decision is that you had made your own arrangements to have the goods placed in temporary storage. You contend that all arrangements were made through Mrs. Mathew at the Naval Station in Puerto Rico.

The statement you question was based on paragraph 4 of your letter dated April 21, 1980, addressed to the Claims Division of this Office. You stated therein that when your household goods arrived on August 26 you requested, but were denied temporary storage, being advised that previous information about entitlement to temporary storage was incorrect. Apparently, someone in the Personal Property Office advised you of their willingness to assist you to get the goods into storage at your expense.

Regardless of the possible misunderstanding of those arrangements, the conclusion in the decision--that since storage at Government expense "was disapproved", no basis existed for reimbursement of the storage costs--would not be altered. Under the provisions of subparagraph M8260-3 of Volume 1 of the Joint Travel Regulations, quoted in the decision, the storage at Government expense must be authorized by the receiving transportation officer. In point of fact, it was not authorized and by your own admission you were advised at that time that you would have to bear the cost of that storage.



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Accordingly, your letter presents no basis for reconsideration of the decision in your case.

Sincerely yours,

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